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DAYS WITHOUT NIGHT.—Rev. Dr. Baird, in a recent lecture gave some interesting facts. There is nothing that strikes a stranger more forcibly, if he visits Sweden, at the season of the year when the days are the longest, than the absence of night. Dr. Baird had no conception of it before his arrival. He arrived at Stockholm from Gottenburg, 400 miles distant, in the morning, and in the afternoon went to see some friends—had not taken notes of time—and returned about midnight; it was as light as it was here half an hour before sundown. You could see distinctly.

But all was quiet in the streets; it seemed as if the inhabitants were gone away, or were dead. No signs of life—stores closed.

The sun in June goes down at Stockholm a little before ten o'clock. There is a great illumination all night, as the sun passes round the earth towards the north pole, and the refraction of its rays is such that you can see to read at midnight. Dr. Baird read a letter in the forest near Stockholm, at midnight, without artificial light. There is a mountain at the head of Bothnia, where, on the 21st of June, the sun does not go down at all. Travelers go there to see it. A steamboat goes up from Stockholm for the purpose of carrying those who are curious to witness the phenomenon. It only occurs one night. The sun goes down to the horizon, you can see the whole face of it, and in five minutes it begins to rise.

At the North Cape, lat. 72 degrees, the sun does not go down for several weeks. In June it would be about 25 degrees above the horizon at midnight. The way the people there know it is midnight, they see the sun rise.—The changes in these high latitudes, from summer to winter, are so great that we can have no conception of them at all. In the winter time the sun disappears and is not seen for weeks. Then it comes and shows its face. Afterwards, it remains for ten, fifteen, or twenty minutes, and then descends, and finally it does not set at all, but makes almost a circle around the heavens. Dr. Baird was asked how they managed in regard to hired persons, and what they consider a day. He could not say, but supposed they worked by the hour, and twelve hours would be considered a day's work. Birds and animals take their accustomed rest at usual hours. The doctor did not know how they learnt the time, but they had, and they go to rest whether the sun goes down or not. The hens take to the trees about 7 p. m. and stay there until the sun is well up in the morning; and the people get into this habit of late rising too. The first morning Dr. Baird awoke in Stockholm he was surprised to see the sun shining into his room. He looked at his watch, and found it was only three o'clock; the next time he awoke, it was five o'clock; but there were no persons on the streets. The Swedes in the cities are not very industrious, owing probably to the climate.

"MESCAL."—The collector of internal revenue for the District of Arizona has written a letter to the Commissioner, in reference to the manufacture of liquor from the mescal plant, in which he states that he had received letters from several persons in his district, who expressed a desire to engage in the manufacture of "mescal" and who wanted to know if the process of distillation from this plant will come under the laws and regulations governing distilling from fruit, and who ask him to grant permits for the erection of stills for the purpose mentioned. The collector states that he has visited the mescal region, and taken great pains to inform himself thoroughly in regard to the supply of the plant to be had, the process generally used in the manufacture of the liquor, its quality when properly made, and the quantity that could find a market in Arizona. He finds the supply inexhaustible, the rocky mesas for miles, in some sections, being literally covered with it, and the growth rapid and of enormous size. The soil and climate seem to be adapted to the production of mescal, and good for nothing else.

The collector states that he is satisfied a very considerable quantity of this liquor would find a steady market there, and, from its known purity, (it being impossible to counterfeit or "doctor" it) it would be sought, and the demand rapidly increase. He thinks that if a pure liquor could be distilled there from a plant otherwise useless, and a new industry created, which would retain much money now sent out of the Territory for a supply of this article, or its equivalent, the Territory would profit thereby and the General Government derive a new source of revenue, fully as large as all that is now collected in Arizona. The Commissioner has therefore decided that the exemptions allowed to distillers from fruit apply only to such as distill apples, peaches, or grapes exclusively, and that any distiller using the mescal plant will have to do it under the law and regulations governing grain distilleries.—Washington Patriot.

CONDITION OF SOUTH CAROLINA.—The following editorial was published in the Charleston (S. C.) News of a few days since:—"Two days ago, the State Lunatic Asylum in Columbia in which there were two hundred and ninety-five patients at the date of the last report, was absolutely without provisions, and the superintendent was indebted to the charity of the afflicted citizen for the means of feeding the afflicted creatures under his charge. The Legislature appropriated, at its last session, a sum of eighty thousand dollars for the support of the asylum, and the taxes levied last year were sufficient to pay over a million dollars, fell due on the 15th of January last, and was promptly paid, and since that time a large sum has been obtained under the license law. Yet there is not a dollar left in the treasury for the public institutions which have the strongest claims upon the people. The lunatic asylum is without credit and without supplies. The State penitentiary is so hard pressed that the superintendent has applied for a writ of mandamus to compel the State Treasurer to pay the drafts made upon him. The Deaf and Dumb Asylum is about to be closed. Nearly all the free schools in the State suspended operations on May day. All through three or four million dollars were wrung from the people in a little more than twelve months, and although millions have been added to the capital of the public debt, the treasury is empty, and not a cent can be extracted from it, however urgent the demand.

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Parties having claims against the estate aforesaid can present the same to O. C. Whittlesey, 132 Duke street.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That application will be made to the Orange, Alexandria and Manassas Railroad Company for the renewal of CERTIFICATE No. 470, (Lynchburg extension) for ten shares of the capital stock of said company, dated January 30th, 1860, in the name of Robert M. Kent—said certificate having been lost or mislaid. mh 14-w2m ROBERT M. KENT.

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